

IV. Remarks

The specification has been amended from a formal standpoint and the amendment does not constitute new matter.

Claims 1-26 are under consideration in the present application. Claims 5-8, 11-12, and 25-26 have either been amended in accordance with the Amendments filed in the priority application PCT/JP2004/009053 and/or amended in accordance with the US rules of practice and not for reasons relating to patentability. The filing fee has been calculated according to the above-amendments.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, an early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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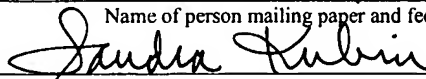
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